

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application, of which claims 1 and 13 have been amended.

No new claims have been added.

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0017567A1 to Connolly et al. (hereinafter "Connolly et al.") in view of U.S. Patent 6,225,141 B1 to Wenner et al. (hereinafter "Wenner et al.").

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Connolly et al. discloses a signaling arrangement and method for use in a wireless local area network managed by a system manager including a reader for electro-optically reading bar code symbols. The system manager verifies that a symbol has been successfully read and sends an acknowledgment signal by wireless, radio frequency transmission to a remote indicator operative for generating an alert signal noticeable to a user.

The Examiner has admitted that Connolly et al. does not disclose the bar code label on the individual circuit board within the bar code reader but has cited Wenner et al. for teaching this feature.

Wenner et al. discloses a temperature sensor manufacturing process which defines a plurality of individual temperature sensor cells on a single printed circuit board with a separate temperature detector mounted in each cell. The temperature response of each detector is characterized substantially simultaneously and the values for series and parallel trimmer resistors for each cell are determined from the temperature response of the detector for the cell. Column 3, lines 25-27

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disclose that a label containing a unique bar code 36 is applied to each printed circuit board for identification during subsequent manufacturing steps.

Neither of the cited references teaches, mentions or suggests a dedicated reader management storage unit 19 that stores the contents of the rear bar code only if the contents of the bar code is management information, as in the present invention.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 13 have been amended to clarify this distinction, and the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims 1-20, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

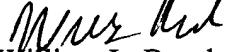
If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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